(c) and (d) The qualifications obtained from Russian Federation/ CIS countries are recognized as per the terms of the protocol between the Government of India and erstwhile USSR.

Non-essentiality of NET for lectureship

†1976. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the essentiality of qualifying the National l Eligibility Test (NET) for appointment as lecturer in universities and colleges has been withdrawn by Government;

(b) if so, whether the applicants having been awarded the degree of M.Phil, and Ph.D. after the year 2002 will be eligible for the post of lecturer; and

(c) if so, by when Government instructions will be issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI); (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission has on the 14.6.2006 issued an amendment to its regulation which is as follows:

"NET shall remain the compulsory requirement for appointment as Lecturer for those with post-graduate degree. However, the candidates having Ph.D. degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for Post Graduate level and Under Graduate level teaching. The candidates having M.Phil, degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for Under Graduate level teaching only."

Amount received from education cess

†1977. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount received so far by Government under the education cess;

(b) the programme for which the education cess is proposed to be utilised;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the special assistance will be given to the States having low literacy in comparison to the national average;

(d) the quantum of amount to be provided to Madhya Pradesh by Government out of the amount received under the education cess;

(e) the justification of fixing 75:25 ratio of the amount for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and

(f) whether Government would reduce the ratio of the share of Madhya Pradesh from 25 to 15 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OP HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHR1MATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Receipts on account of Education Cess as reflected in me Receipts Budget 2005-06 and Expenditure Budget 2006-07 of the Ministry of Finance are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate
2004-05	Rs. 4,910.00	Rs. 5010.00
2005-06	Rs. 6975.00	—
2006-07	Rs. 8,746.00	—

(b) to (d) The proceeds of Education Cess are utilized exclusively for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal Scheme of the Government. Allocations to States are not being made separately against the Education Cess. Assistance to them is released under individual schemes related to Elementary Education in accordance with the guidelines of such schemes and against their respective budgetary allocations.

(e) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which is implemented in partnership with the State Governments. The funding pattern of 75% Central Government share and 25% State share during the 10th Plan period is in accordance with the financial norms prescribed under the Framework for implementation of SSA

(f) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government